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- I. Increasingly cordial relations have developed during past six months between President Sukarno and Soviet bloc.
 - A. This cordiality has apparently strengthened Sukarno's determination to include Communist party in the government.
 - B. Army Chief of Staff, General Nasution, and his deputies profess confidence that they can resist Sukarno on the Communist issue, but lower ranking staff officers fear army is losing ground vis-a-vis the president.
 - C. Ambassador Jones believes army still has power to buck Sukarno but he foresees a situation where the President may have so blurred the issue that the army will have no rallying point.
 1. Sukarno can always rally the country on highly-charged Netherlands New Guinea issue, on which the army must support him.

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